

Remarks

This Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) which responds to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2005. This Amendment replaces the amendment filed on January 23, 2006 which, according to the Advisory Action mailed January 31, 2006, has not been entered.

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 12, and 15 are amended. Claims 3, 11 and 16-20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendments. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-10 and 12-15 are now pending for reconsideration.

Response to Pending Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 6-10, and 14-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0084833 to Kim et al. ("Kim"). Claims 3-5 and 11-13 stand objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for at least the following reasons.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-5 and 11-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations from the base claims. In response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all subject matter from claim 3 which is cancelled, and claim 9 has been amended to incorporate all subject matter of claim 11 which is cancelled. Thus, amended claims 1 and 9 now recite subject matter which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) of claims 1 and 9, as well as claims 2, 4-8, 10 and 12-14 which depend therefrom.

The rejections of claims 16-20 are rendered moot by their cancellation without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that all objections and rejections be withdrawn and that a notice of allowance be

forthcoming. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative for Applicants for any reason related to the advancement of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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